

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL WAIVER

Parents and Players must sign this agreement that states they have read the rules below and agree to them. Agreement must be signed and handed in prior to the first practice.

Our goal is a safe, fun, and positive season for all. Our experience has told us that the best way for us to accomplish this is to put down in writing our exact expectations up front. The goal is to put down on paper the answers to potential situations that will come up, and make sure at the same time, we answer your questions. It is imperative you read this contract and agree to all terms prior to joining this season.

Parental Requirements:

- All Rockaway Girls Travel Basketball information will be communicated through group text and /or the TEAM SNAP. In order to be kept informed, make sure you check all regularly. Please remember that the schedule as shown on the JBL website is official schedule.
- We recommend you sign up ALL the email addresses for members who need to get information (Mom, Dad, legal guardian, etc.).
- Parents are not to “Coach” their Athletes while in attendance of season games & tournaments.
- The Athletes will be focused on what the Coaches have to say and need to concentrate on such.
- Parents are not allowed near the team bench.
- If an Athlete is removed by Parents for any reason from the game site without previous permission from the Head Coach or Director, we will consider that Athlete to have resigned from the Program.
- Parents are responsible for getting your child to and from a game. Team reps can assist in planning car pools for ones that need it.
- Parents are to be supportive of the entire Team at all time, and all Rockaway Twp. Teams while at games.
- Parents are not to engage in any behavior in cheering that would reflect negatively on Rockaway Twp.
- Parents should engage in no-direction cheering, limiting their comments to encouraging their child and other players from the team.
- Guidelines for Parents are no different from Athletes in this regard.
- Only the Head Coach may question an official or gym supervisor. At no time should you address or yell at any official.
- Parents and families must adhere to our code of conduct and be positive, respectful representatives of Rockaway Twp. Youth sports.

PLAYERS:

- All of our town travel teams require dedication and commitment.
- Our practice & game phase is very demanding, but it will make you better, increase game knowledge, and improve your skill level.

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- Rockaway Twp. Travel sports programs are here to develop respect, discipline, commitment, and a positive self-image with in each of the athletes. It is important that each player understand the concept of being a "team."
- Every athlete will be expected to conduct herself appropriately at all times. You will be representing your family as well as the program.
- Show respect at all times to coaches, teammates, officials at games.
- Be competitive, but not disrespectful toward other teams or clubs.
- Disrespect to anyone will not be tolerated!
- Players must be willing to play any position needed by the team.

PRACTICE:

- Understand that practice and training is where you receive the most instruction and experience.
- Make sure to be 10 minutes early for full accountability of the team.
- Parents can drop off /pick up there is no need for further distractions during practice.

PLAYING TIME:

- We do not guarantee equal playing time on any team or at any event.
- We have the philosophy that what you get more out of is instruction time during practices.
- Playing time is determined by attendance, attitude, effort, performance, the athlete's potential, the team's needs at the moment, and the team's needs in the future, and is left solely to the discretion of the Coach.
- The "coaching decision" is not up for debate or question.
- By this age it is the athlete's responsibility to ask what they can improve on to get more playing time.
- Athletes will be expected to play in any position to benefit team performance.
- If you must miss a practice, you must inform your coach or the director a minimum of 24 hours in advance so that the coach may plan practice appropriately. There is no exception to this rule!
- One week advance notice is required if you can't attend a game.
- Players will be evaluated for participation if missing more than 4 unexcused practices during the season. Failure to inform us can result in being let go from the team without refund.
- Practice schedules will be available within a week in advance.
- Occasionally there is a last-minute problem with a scheduled venue or inclement weather.
- We will give as much notice as possible if a practice must be moved or rescheduled.
- We request that Travel Ball be a priority. We are looking for the player who is committed to reaching her potential and who is willing to work hard to achieve this.

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GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:

- When parents have a problem that is specific to their own athlete, we also encourage them to first talk to the coach. This discussion is not to take place at, during, or immediately after a game. The discussion will be scheduled through email with the coach.
- What coaches will not do is discuss "coaching decisions." "Coaching decisions" include, among other things, specific GAME decisions (who played when, who was subbed out and when, etc.)
- The amount of time any given athlete on the court is the result of a complex determination, in that coach's opinion, of the athlete's ability, the athlete's potential, the athlete's position, the team's needs at the moment, and the team's needs in the future.
- The coach will not be required to defend his /her thought process or conclusions in these determinations, and it is improper for a parent to request it.
- If you, as a parent, have legitimate concerns about a coach other than your athlete's coach, or with an athlete other than your own; you need to address the Director.
- Please note again that "coaching decisions" are not, in our opinion, legitimate concerns. Specifically, the procedures to follow if you as a parent, or your athlete as a Travel athlete

The parent may contact the Travel Director and request a meeting with the coach and Director. In certain situations, we may ask the athlete to attend the meeting, also. Meetings should be previously arranged. Meetings will not be scheduled during or at a game. The Coach and/or the Director will not engage in discussions about coaching decisions

We understand that any actions that violate the Rockaway Township Youth Sports Code of Conduct or are in direct opposition to the above agreement will result in player / parent suspension from the program.

Player Name _____ Player signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

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